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DECLARATION

I, Maria Nowell, hereby state as follows:

On September 15, 2003, McGlew and Tuttle received a postcard which indicated that for Applicant's Docket No. 71106, a US Patent Application submitted September 4, 2003, the US Patent Office had assigned Application Serial No. 10/655,239. Accordingly, I am aware that on September 23, 2003, Applicant's representative submitted a priority document, namely a certified copy of corresponding Japan Application No. 2002-260195. Although the priority document was submitted to Serial No. 10/655,239 (now assigned to a different case), this was the serial number that the Patent Office had provided to Applicant's representative and was, at that time, the correct serial number for the case.

Subsequently, Applicant was notified that the serial number was changed, namely that the serial number now is 10/655,238.

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